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(U) CALIFORNIA

(U) San Francisco—ISIS Piggybacks Social Media Platform's Mega-Feed

(U) A media group linked to the Islamic State of Iraq and al-Sham began sharing their online posts via the San Francisco-based social media platform Baaz as of early this morning. The service, founded in 2015, allows users to combine updates from dozens of other apps and sites into a single feed. The ISIS-linked propaganda outlet Nashir News Agency advertised its new Baaz account via numerous replica channels on the messaging app Telegram, and began posting content that included claims about attacks and images glorifying the group's activities. Baaz's website states that users can report abusive, illegal or offensive content posted on its platform via its phone apps, but the feature does not appear to be available on its web app.

SOURCE: 12 June 2017, [BBC](#)

(U) NATIONAL

(U) Washington—Nationwide Anti-Sharia Marches, Counter-Protests Lead to Fighting and Arrests

(U) Seattle—Police in Seattle and St. Paul, Minnesota, made arrests after fighting broke out during a series of marches on 10 June across the US against Sharia—a strict form of Islamic law—that were confronted by counter-protests. Police in Seattle used pepper spray and made several arrests for assault after a brief scuffle near the city's Occidental Square, and fights also broke out at demonstrations at the Minnesota State Capitol in St. Paul, where at least one arrest was made. Anti-Sharia marches and counter-protests took place in at least 29 US cities on Saturday, including several in California.

SOURCE: 10 June 2017, [ABC News](#)

(U) INTERNATIONAL

(U) Afghanistan—Three US Soldiers Killed, One Wounded by Afghan Soldier

(U) Kabul—Three American soldiers were killed and one other was wounded after an Afghan soldier opened fire on them in eastern Afghanistan on 10 June, according to Afghan officials. A spokesman for the governor of Nangarhar Province—where they attacked occurred—stated that an Afghan Army commando opened fire on the American soldiers in the Pekhe area of the district, and the attacker was killed by other soldiers at the scene. A Taliban spokesman stated in a WhatsApp message that the attacker was a Taliban infiltrator.

SOURCE: 10 June 2017, [New York Times](#)

(U) Democratic Republic of Congo—At Least 11 Killed, 930 Inmates Escape in Prison Attack

(U) Beni—At least 11 people were killed and 930 prisoners escaped yesterday when unidentified assailants stormed a jail in the country's northeastern town of Beni, the provincial governor said. North Kivu province's governor, Julien Paluku, said in a statement that the assailants had used heavy weapons, killing eight prison guards. The attack is at least the fourth prison break in Congo in the last month and underscores how insecurity has grown since President Joseph Kabila refused to step down at the end of his mandate last December.

SOURCE: 11 June 2017, [Reuters](#)

(U) Germany—Government to Test Facial Recognition Software in Terror Fight

(U) Berlin—Germany will start testing facial recognition software at a Berlin train station this summer which could help police identify and locate terror suspects more quickly, a minister said on 10 June. Interior Minister Thomas de Maiziere said the software would be tested with volunteers at Berlin's Suedkreuz station, and if successful would be expanded to other locations and also used for a range of criminal investigations. The Tagesspiegel report said the new system was unlikely to run into legal obstacles since its use would be limited to targeting suspects, and so would not infringe upon civil liberties of people not sought in an investigation.

SOURCE: 10 June 2017, [AFP](#)

(U) Germany—Flight Diverted after Alleged 'Terror-Related' Talk

(U) Cologne—An easyJet flight headed to London made an emergency landing in Germany after three men allegedly had a "terrorism-related" conversation, police said. The men, ages 31, 38 and 48, were initially arrested for a possible "crime against the state," but were released after witness testimony about the conversation could not be verified, according to Cologne police. A backpack belonging to one of the men was examined by a bomb squad and destroyed in a controlled explosion, but it is unclear why the backpack was singled out.

SOURCE: 11 June 2017, [CNN](#)

(U) Mexico—Killings Continue in Baja California Sur

(U) Cabo San Lucas—Authorities in Mexico's Baja California Sur state say two heads have been found in a cooler just two blocks from the tourist zone of Cabo San Lucas. The finding came just a day after the state prosecutor's office announced that two dismembered bodies were found in another cooler in the tourist corridor. Also on Sunday, state prosecutors said the total bodies found after several days of excavation of clandestine graves near a road between the Cabo Pulmo nature reserve and San Jose del Cabo had reached 18. The wave of killings is believed to be tied to battles between drug gangs, including factions of the Sinaloa cartel.

SOURCE: 11 June 2017, [Associated Press](#)

(U) Philippines—US Forces Back Philippine Troops to Retake City Held by ISIS-Linked Rebels

(U) Marawi—United States special forces are providing support to the Philippine military battling to dislodge militants in a southern city, the US embassy said on 10 June, as 13 Filipino marines were killed in fresh fighting. Philippine troops are struggling to defeat hundreds of fighters, who rampaged through Marawi on 23 May flying black flags of the Islamic State of Iraq and al-Sham. Tens of thousands have fled the city, which is the Catholic country's most important Muslim city, as the fighting ripped through residential neighborhoods, with more than 200,000 displaced people now living in precarious conditions. The US embassy in Manila said American forces were providing assistance to the Filipino troops at the request of the government, although it declined to give details for security reasons.

SOURCE: 9 June 2017, [AFP](#)

(U) Somalia—Pentagon Uses New Authority to Strike Somali Terrorist Outpost

(U) Mogadishu—The US military used the expanded authority President Donald Trump granted to the Pentagon in March to strike a terrorist outpost in Somalia yesterday, officials said. Together with Somali partners, the Pentagon used a drone to target a command and control and logistics hub 185 miles southwest of Mogadishu to kill multiple fighters with al-Shabaab, a terrorist organization aligned with al-Qa'ida. The strike, which the Pentagon described as a success, is part of the Pentagon and the Somali government's aggressive newfound actions against the African terrorist organization.

SOURCE: 11 June 2017, [NBC News](#)

(U) United Kingdom—London Bridge Attacker Attempted to Rent Larger Truck, Police Say

(U) London—The ringleader of the London terror attack last week tried to rent a 7.5-ton truck, British police have said, indicating the attackers were looking to carry out a larger-scale assault. London Metropolitan Police said the trio's ringleader, Khuram Butt, attempted to rent the large truck online on the morning of June 3 but did not provide payment details when prompted. Large trucks have recently been used in other ramming attacks in Europe and have caused higher numbers of casualties. Other details released by the police revealed that the attackers' knives had leather straps attached to keep the weapons on the attackers' wrists, and that there were 13 apparent Molotov cocktails inside the van.

SOURCE: 10 June 2017, [CNN](#)

SOUTHWEST BORDER

(U) Texas—Off-Duty Border Patrol Agent Attacked

(U) Doña Ana County—An off-duty Border Patrol agent has been hospitalized and is in stable condition following an attack on the night of 9 June in Doña Ana County, according to a press release issued over the weekend by US Customs and Border Protection. The agent—who was not identified—was found on the side of the roadway by a motorist with multiple, serious injuries to his head, chest and hands, according to the press release. US Customs and Border Protection is assisting the FBI, the Doña Ana County Sheriff's Department and the El Paso Police Department in the ongoing investigation.

SOURCE: 10 June 2017, [Las Cruces Sun-News](#)

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